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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: DESIGNATION OF EMBOFF TO HANDLE ANTARCTIC MATTERS

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1. EMBASSY'S ANTARCTIC AFFAIRS OFFICER IS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COUNSELOR ROBERT H. WILCOX.

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2. KEY POLICY LEVEL ANTARCTIC OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA ARE (A)
NATIONAL ANTARCTIC DIRECTOR (DEFENSE MINISTRY), CURRENT RETIRED
REAL ADMIRAL JORGE ALBERTO FRAGA, AND (B) DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
ANTARCTICA AND MALVINAS (FOREIGN MINISTRY), CURRENTLY COUNSELOR
MIGUEL DE MARTINI. AT WORKING LEVEL, COUNSELOR RICARDO
QUADRI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR UNDER DE MARTINI APPEARS TO BE
MOST KNOLEDGEABLE AND INFLUENTIAL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL.

ANOTHER KEY MAN IS DIRECTOR OF ARGENTINE ANTACTIC INSTITUTE RETIRED CAPTAIN ROBERTO MANUEL MARTINEZ ABAL, WHO REPORTS TO FRAGA.

3. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRAGA IS BEGINNING ANOTHER 2-YEAR TERM AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR. THIS TERM (1977-78) WOULD ORDINARILY HAVE BEEN THE ARMY'S TURN UNDER THE NORMAL ROTATIONAL SYSTEM, BUT THE ARMY HAS AGREED TO LEAVE FRAGA IN THE POST. AS DEPT KNOWS, ALL THREE ARMED FORCES HAVE ACTIVE STATIONS IN ANTARCTICA, AND WE ARE CERTAIN THAT REALLY MAJOR ANTARCTIC POLICY IS SET AT THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT LEVEL, NAMELY THE 3-MAN JUNTA.

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